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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

9 ADEREMI EMMANUEL ATANDA,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 A. NEIL CLARK,

13 Respondent.  
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Case No. C09-0157RSL

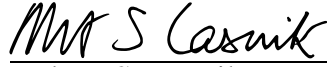
ORDER DENYING  
MOTION TO SEAL

16 This matter comes before the Court on the government's motion to seal the May 2009  
17 Decision to Continue Detention and Post Order Custody Review Worksheet of the petitioner.  
18 Local Rule 5(g) states, "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files and  
19 records which may be overcome only on a compelling showing that the public's right of access  
20 is outweighed by the interests of the public and the parties in protecting" a document. Despite  
21 this requirement, the government provided no argument or information to support sealing the  
22 documents. Nor is any justification for a seal apparent. Moreover, the petitioner's own privacy  
23 rights cannot justify the seal because he filed a response objecting to sealing the documents.  
24 After receiving petitioner's response, the government did not file a reply to attempt to justify the  
25 sealing of the documents.

26 Because the government has failed to provide any information to warrant sealing the  
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1 documents, its motion to seal (Dkt. #23) is DENIED. The Clerk of the Court is directed to  
2 unseal docket entries #24 and #26<sup>1</sup> in this case.

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4 DATED this 31st day of July, 2009.

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7 Robert S. Lasnik  
8 United States District Judge  
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26 <sup>1</sup> Respondent filed his opposition under seal, perhaps believing that he needed to do so in  
27 response to a motion to seal. Regardless of the reason, the opposition does not warrant a seal  
28 under Local Rule 5(g).